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Docket No. GCL266

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application:

Fernando Valle et al.

Serial No.: 08/435,510

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For: Application of Glucose Transport Mutants for
Production of Aromatic Pathway Compounds)

Group Art Unit: 1814

Examiner: R. Prouty

Request for Reconsideration

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, DC 20231

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 3, 1996, please amend the above-captioned application as follows.

In the Claims

Please cancel Claims 1-22 without prejudice and insert the following new claims:

- 23. A mutant host cell useful for increasing PEP availability to enhance carbon flow into a metabolic pathway of said host cell wherein said metabolic pathway uses PEP as a precursor or intermediate, said host cell characterized by:
- (a) being phenotypically Pts-/glu+;
 - (b) requiring galactose permease activity to transport glucose; and
 - (c) having a specific growth rate on glucose as a sole carbon source of at least about 0.4h⁻¹.